National Slum Development Programme

†97. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no target has been fixed under the National Slum Development Programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the data on the basis of which problem of slums is solved; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), the implementation of the programme is with the State Governments. Hence, the State Governments formulate specific plans, programmes and schemes for development of slums in various towns/ cities as per their priorities and made necessary provisions therefor, in their respective State plans.

(c) Since the inception of NSDP, each year the Planning Commission allocates the State-wise funds on the pro-rata basis of slum population of States/UTs, keeping a minimum amount reserved for smaller States.

(d) With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of slum dwellers a programme known as National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) was launched at national level by the Government in 1996 for the development of urban slums.

Beside, a centrally sopnsored schemes called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) was launched on 2.12.2001 with a view to ameliorate the conditions of the urban slum dwellers living below the poverty line who do not possess adequate shelter. The Scheme has the primary objective to facilitate adequate construction and upgradation of the dwelling units for the slum dwellers and to provide health and enabiling urban environment through community toilets under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, a component of the Scheme.

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